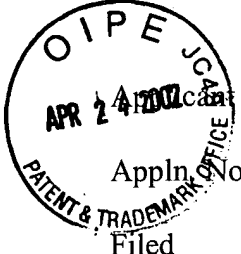


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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following information to the Examiner's attention

A German First Examination Report (together with an English language translation of the same), dated September 11, 2000 for German Patent Application No. 100 16 236.3-53, is enclosed, in which the following documents were cited:

U.S. Patent No. 5,396,552 to JAHN et al., which issued on March 7, 1995;

“CompactPCL mit Pentium II - Power”, Elektronik Praxis, Nr. 24, 14, December, 1999, pages 106-110; and

“Einführung in die Datenkommunikation”, by KAUFELS, 4, Auflage, DATACOM, 1991, ISBN 3-89238-039-2 Gb., pages 41-47, 60-67, and 195-208.

Applicant notes that an English language Abstract or translation is not available for the above-mentioned German articles. However, their relevance is discussed in the German First Examination Report.


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Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not been issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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